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Pres Wallace Mike  
Sen McCarthy, Eugene

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SENATOR MCCARTHY INTERVIEWED

Mike Wallace was reporting on the Foreign Relations Committee hearings.

WALLACE: "Members of the Foreign Relations Committee are involved in another controversy today as well, involving the CIA."

"One committee member, Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota is pressing a move to gain seats for three Foreign Relation Committeemen on the Senate group that oversees the Central Intelligence Agency.

"McCarthy yesterday outlined the major questions that he and fellow Foreign Relations Committeemen would like to have answered about the CIA."

MCCARTHY: "Well, in general terms there's two things. One, there's a question as to whether or not the agency operates somewhat independently, or by virtue of its operations it builds up information and conditions as a result of which it actually does determine or give direction to foreign policy. As a member of the Senate this is of concern to me simply because of our responsibility, not only to make foreign policy but to look back and see how foreign policy is made.

"And the second, and I suppose this is the more serious concern is that it can be an instrument of the -- of the President, of the Executive branch of the Government in the field of foreign policy for which the Executive in a sense cannot be held responsible. And over which the Congress, in particular the Senate, which has Constitutional responsibility in the field of foreign policy and is unable to exercise those responsibilities."

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